

Subject: 3-year Strategic Partnership Plan

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform board members of the requirements and duties for the forthcoming 3-year partnership plan to cover 2008-2011 and to set out a timetable for completion of the process (Appendix 1)

2. Background

2.1 The Safer Communities Strategy 2005-08 expires in 6 months' time and there is a statutory requirement on the partnership to plan and agree a new strategy with effect from April 2008.

2.2 Since the last strategy was devised, the following key developments have taken place which will need to be built into the forthcoming plan:

- Introduction of Local Area Agreements (LAAs)
- A new assessment framework for Local Authorities and Local Authority Partnerships with a single set of national indicators
- The introduction of APACS (Assessment of Police and Community Safety) which streamlines and co-ordinates former separate indicators
- Reform of Crime and Disorder Partnerships, which includes minimum standards, annual strategic assessments, enhanced information sharing and duties
- Publication of 'Cutting Crime – A new partnership' 2008-2011
- Safe, Sensible, Social – Next steps in the national alcohol strategy
- New Draft Drug Strategy – currently out for consultation
- Publication of 'Delivering Safer Communities – A guide to effective partnership working'

3. Requirements of the new Partnership Plan

3.1 The plan must demonstrate the following:

- A contextual narrative – a so-called 'story of place'
- A clear link to the local Sustainable Community Strategy
- Assessment of the previous partnership strategy and what worked
- Intelligence-led planning, based on a comprehensive strategic assessment
- A robust performance management framework
- A clear strategy for tackling crime and disorder in the area, aligned with LAA outcomes – revised annually

- The role and contribution of each partner in supporting the delivery of priorities and how this will be resourced
- Information about how the partnership will engage with local communities
- Compliance with the new Guidance to Effective Partnership Working (including importance of robust business processes)
- Links with other strategic plans and activity including regional offender management, youth offending, local criminal justice boards, local policing plan, DAAT Treatment Plan

3.2 Further, it is recommended that the plan should demonstrate the following:

- An overall Vision Statement
- How the partnership will resource the delivery of the plan, including opportunities for mainstreaming and the skills required to implement priorities
- Detail of projects that will support priority outcomes
- A risk register
- A community engagement section

4. Steps to completion

4.1 Endorsement of the timetable attached in Appendix 1

4.2 Recognition by board members of their duties under section 3 above

4.3 Establishment of a small strategy group (sub-group of the SCEB) and appointment of a Chair. It is recommended that this group be Chaired by the Head of Service with senior representation from Haringey MPS, Haringey TPCT, and Urban Regeneration. This group will involve an advisory group, linked to priorities and LAA outcomes, which will cover the areas of drugs, employment, domestic violence, young people, housing, probation. The group will report up to the partnership's performance management group for progress and to the SCEB with a draft and final strategy.

5. Risks to delivery

5.1 Delays to sign-off of the Safer Communities LAA targets

5.2 Delays in the finalisation of the Drug Strategy

5.3 Reductions in resources for Safer Communities delivery

5.4 Loss of skilled staff and/or changes to key partner roles

5.5 Lack of required level of co-operation from all parts of the partnership and all main service departments of the Council (ref. section 17 mainstreaming duty under the Crime and Disorder Act)

5.6 Delays in the confirmation of future partnership funding (from April 08)

Appendix 1

Partnership Plan Timetable – DRAFT

19/11/2007	By 18/12/2007	By 31/01/2008	By 15/02/2008	20/02/2008	29/02/2008	11/03/2007	21/03/2008	28/03/2008
Strategy Group meeting (findings from strategic assessment outline plan/responsibilities)	Pre-xmas Stakeholder Consultation	First Draft	Second draft following consultation with partners	Despatch to CEMB for meeting on 26/02/08	Despatch to CAB for Meeting on 06/03/8	Despatch to Cabinet for 18/03/08	Despatch to SCEB for 28/03/08	Sign off by SECB and agreement on publication and summary